

# Senate Study Bill 3063 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED SECRETARY OF  
STATE BILL)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the secretary of state to conduct a study  
2 related to absent voter signature verification.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1       Section 1.   SECRETARY OF STATE — ABSENT VOTER SIGNATURE  
2 VERIFICATION STUDY — REPORT.   The secretary of state shall  
3 conduct a study on implementing procedures to verify each  
4 absent voter's signature on the affidavit form printed on  
5 the absentee ballot envelope and subscribed to by the voter  
6 pursuant to section 53.16 against the voter's signature on file  
7 with state or local election officials and other agencies.  
8 The secretary of state shall prepare and file a report making  
9 recommendations regarding the implementation of signature  
10 verification procedures and shall include information on the  
11 costs associated with implementing such procedures.   The  
12 report may include proposed legislation to implement the  
13 recommendations in the report.   The secretary of state shall  
14 file the report with the governor and the general assembly no  
15 later than December 15, 2014.

16 EXPLANATION

17           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires that the secretary of state conduct a  
20 study on implementing procedures to verify voter signatures on  
21 absentee ballot affidavit envelopes against voter signatures  
22 on file with state and local election officials and other  
23 agencies. The bill requires that the secretary of state  
24 prepare and file a report making recommendations to implement  
25 signature verification procedures which shall also include  
26 information on the costs associated with implementing those  
27 procedures. The secretary of state may also include proposed  
28 legislation to implement the recommendations in the report.  
29 The bill further requires that the secretary of state file the  
30 report with the governor and the general assembly no later than  
31 December 15, 2014.